

Remarks

Claims 2-5, 7-9, 15-25, 33-42 and 49-65 were pending. By the proposed amendment above, claims 2, 4, 7, 17, 20, 21, 25, 33, 34, 49, 50, 54, 64, and 65 have been amended. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 2-5, 7-9, 15-21, 24-25, 33-36, and 49-65 will be pending and in condition for allowance, with claims 22, 23, and 37-42 having been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 2-5, 7-9, 15-25 and 33-36 have been amended to recite that the replicon is of Kunjin virus origin and which is unable to express at least part or all of a structural protein region and/or a protein or part thereof required for packaging of a Kunjin virus genome into a virus-like particle. Furthermore, the second vector is capable of expressing Kunjin virus structural protein(s) for packaging of the replicon into infectious Kunjin virus-like particles.

We trust this renders moot the rejections under Section 112, first paragraph.

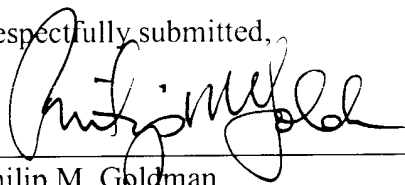
Claims 22-23 and 37-42 have been cancelled without prejudice.

With particular regard to the language "adapted to receive at least a nucleotide sequence without disrupting its replication capabilities", we have voluntarily deleted this as being redundant in dependent Claims 2 and 49. In other cases, we have adopted the language suggested by the Examiner.

Entry of this Amendment, and allowance of all pending claims at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the event any remaining issues remain to be resolved.

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